



METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION  
FISHING AREA  
**SUDBURY RESERVOIR**  
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## **WACHUSETT AND SUDBURY RESERVOIR FISHING REGULATIONS**

The Wachusett Reservoir together with the Quabbin Reservoir provides the water supply for over forty cities and towns within the Commonwealth. The Sudbury Reservoir is the system's reserve, or backup supply. The land surrounding the reservoirs is managed by the MDC Division of Watershed Management in order to protect the quality of the reservoir water and to enhance the ecological integrity and to ensure the future protection of these valuable natural resources from pollution, encroachment and environmentally damaging public use.

### **STRICTLY PROHIBITED ON WATERSHED LANDS:**

- ❖ Disposing of human waste, trash or litter
- ❖ Alcoholic beverages
- ❖ Motorized vehicles
- ❖ Swimming or bathing
- ❖ Boating
- ❖ Smoking
- ❖ Building fires
- ❖ Pets/animals

The MDC permits SHORE FISHING ONLY at the Wachusett and Sudbury reservoirs from dawn to dusk daily. The fishing season opens April 1<sup>st</sup>, providing no ice is present, and extends through October 31<sup>st</sup>. Possession of a valid Massachusetts fishing license is required by individuals 15 years and over. The MDC and its employees are not responsible for any damage to or loss of life, which may be incurred in conjunction with the public use of the reservoirs.

**WACHUSETT RESERVOIR fishing** access is allowed through the following areas:

Route 70-gates 6 to 16  
Route 140-gates 17 to 24  
Routes 12/110-gates 25 to 35  
West Boylston-Thomas Basin

**NO FISHING IS ALLOWED FROM ANY OTHER AREAS!**

Shore fishing at **SUDBURY RESERVOIR** is permitted along the northern section of the Sudbury only. Access to this area is from the following roadways: Acre Bridge, Farm, Broad Meadow and parameter Roads. Fishing is **NOT** permitted at the Foss, Sterns or Brackett Reservoirs in Framingham.

Fishing at the West Wauschacum (The Quag) and Middle Wauschacum ponds in Sterling extends from April 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>. Ice fishing is **NOT** permitted. Car top boats and canoes are permitted at the Wauschacum ponds. Electric outboards, but no others may be used.

### **EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS**

Metropolitan Police (Clinton)	(508) 365-4756
Boylston Police	(508) 869-2113
West Boylston Police	(508) 835-4421
Marlboro Police	(508) 548-1212

### **CAUTION!**

These Watersheds lands are managed for forest and wildlife improvements. Certain areas may occasionally be posted when forestry personnel and equipment are operating in the forest. Please be careful and avoid these areas.